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| 38 | Delhi/Varanasi (via Agra & Khajuraho) | 7 B-737 | 7 B-737 | |
| | | | 5 B-737 | Delhi/Allahabad/Varanasi/Patna/ Allahabad/Delhi |
| | | | 2 B-737 | Delhi/Varanasi/Bhubneshwar |
| 39 | Bangalore/Goa | 7 HS-748 | 7 HS-748 | |
| | | | 2 HS-748 | Bangalore/Belgaum/Goa/ Bangalore |
| 40 | Madras/Port Blair | 3 B-737 | 4 B-737 | |
| 41 | Bombay/Karachi | 3 Airbus | 4 Airbus | |
| 42 | Delhi/Karachi | 2 B-737 | 3 B-737 | |
| 43 | Bombay/Udaipur (on Bombay/Aurangabad/ Udaipur/Jodhpur/Jaipur/ Delhi service) | 7 B-737 | 7 B-737 | |
| | | | 4 B-737 | Bombay/Udaipur/Bombay |

**Over-worked and fatigued Boeing 737 aircraft**

*17. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Boeing 737 aircraft purchased in 1970 have developed technical problems and suffer from over-work and fatigue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this batch of aircraft have met with several accidents and near accidents during the last six months;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to reduce the increasing number of accidents as a result of the operation of these Boeing aircraf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There have been only two accidents during the last six months.

(c) Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft VT-EAI operating scheduled service IC-422 Srinagar-Delhi via Jammu and Chandigarh was involved in an accident during landing at Indira Gandhi International Airport on 19-6-88. The aircraft landed in wheels up condition. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. All the occupants escaped unhurt.

Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft VT-EAH was operating a scheduled flight IC-113 Bombay-Ahmedabad on 19-10-88. There were 135 persons were on board the aircraft and 130 died in the crash.

(d) Administrative action has been initiated to review training, maintenance and safety aspects. The Courts of Inquiry have been set up to investigate into these accidents. Based on their findings and recommendations further action would be taken.

*18. [Transferred to the 15th November, 1988]

**Official level discussion for P.M's visit to China**

*19. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Indian official delegation, led by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. K. P. S. Menon, visited China and had

far reaching discussions on Indo-China relation including the Prime Minister's visit to China;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions and conclusions reached between Indian official delegation and the Chinese leaders;

(c) whether the question of border dispute between India and China had come up during the discussions; and

(d) if so, what are the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (d) The delegation visited China essentially to prepare for the Prime Minister's visit. It thus discussed arrangements for the visit and subjects of mutual interest amongst which, of course, figured the border issue. Details are still to be finalised.

**Damage caused to rail tracks due to floods in Punjab**

*20. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent floods in Punjab most of the railway tracks have been badly damaged and washed away;

(b) whether most of the trains going to/passing through Punjab have been cancelled; and

(c) if so, what progress has been made by the Railways to set the tracks in order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Track and bridges on several sections of railway in Punjab were very severely damaged/washed away by recent floods, which were of unprecedented magnitude.

(b) The trains passing through the affected sections had to be cancelled, either totally or partially, till such time the lines were restored.

(c) Restoration work was organised on a war-footing round the clock deploying 32 officers, 48 supervisors and about 2000 labour as well as a variety of mechanised equipment. The highest priority was given to the main line sections, Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi and Jalandhar-Amritsar which were restored on 9th and 11th October, 1988 respectively well ahead of the target. Another 11 branch line sections which too were affected, have also been restored, with the exception of 2 sections viz. Amritsar-Dera Baba Nanak and Jalandhar city-Firozepur where work is in progress. These are expected to be restored by 2nd November and 15th November, respectively.

**Setting up of container corporation**

1. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a contained Corporation;

(b) if so, what would be its main objectives;

(c) by when the said corporation is proposed to be set up; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Govt. in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Container Corporation of India Ltd., has been set up on 10-3-1988 as a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Rail-